RESOLUTION OF THE UTAH STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT FOR PRESERVATION AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAROWAN GAP ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

WHEREAS the Parowan Gap is a canyon running west through the Red Hills Range of southwestern Utah; and

WHEREAS the unique and extensive petroglyphic writings in the Parowan Gap may represent the only evidence remaining of prehistoric habitation in this location; and

WHEREAS evidence infers that the site has unique, interpretive significance and value in one or more of the following disciplines: history, archaeology, and archaeo-astronomy; and

WHEREAS the site represents an irreplaceable cultural resource for the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS the site presents excellent opportunities for interpretation, preservation and development for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS the Utah State Advisory Council on Science and Technology is charged with supporting issues of significant importance to the State of Utah in the fields of science, engineering, technology and science education

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Utah State Advisory Council for Science and Technology supports the completion of scientific research and interpretive efforts regarding the determination of significance of this archaeological site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Utah State Advisory Council for Science and Technology concludes that financial and technical resources should be identified and employed to preserve and protect this site from further degradation through access control and the presentation of educational/interpretive information at the site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Utah State Advisory Council for Science and Technology encourages other federal, state and local government agencies to provide resources for the determination of significance of the archaeological site and appropriate to its determined significance, preserve and develop this site as a cultural and educational resource; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Utah State Advisory Council for Science and Technology requests that the Utah State Archeologist and the Utah Department of Transportation keep the Science Council apprized on planned and implemented preservation and interpretive actions.

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